

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 94.

The following Report on the Victoria Gaol, for the year 1901, is published.

By Command,

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*Colonial Secretary.*

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PRISON DEPARTMENT,  
HONGKONG, 24th January, 1902.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit, for the information of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, the following report on the Victoria Gaol, for the year 1901.

2. The number of prisoners admitted to the Gaol under sentence from the Ordinary Courts was 4,858, besides 182 soldiers and sailors sentenced by Courts Martial. There were 29 persons admitted for debt, and 8 in default of finding security, making a total of 5,077. Of these, 679 were old offenders.

3. The corresponding numbers for the preceding year were respectively as follows:—

Convicted by the Ordinary Courts, .....	5,263
Courts Martial, .....	127
Debtors, .....	30
In default of finding security, .....	12

Total, including 702 old offenders,.....5,432

The daily average number of prisoners confined in the Gaol was 499, as compared with 486 for the year 1900.

4. There were 334 prisoners convicted from the New Territory during the year, of whom, 25 were sentenced to 2 years and upwards.

There were 180 convicts in the Gaol on the 31st December, 1901, against 141 on the 31st December, 1900, 96 on the 31st December, 1899, and 55 on the 31st December, 1898, showing an increase of 125 % during the past 3 years.

The military and naval prisoners sentenced by Courts-Martial and admitted to the Gaol during the year show an increase of 55 % over that of the preceding year, and 93 % in excess of those admitted in 1899. This increase is doubtless owing to the large number of soldiers and sailors serving in North China during the military operations last year.

5. The number of prisoners admitted to the Gaol for offences not of a criminal nature was 2,345, made up as follows:—

Convicted under the Opium Ordinance, .....	576
"    "    "    Market    "    .....	123
"    "    "    Arms    "    .....	10
"    "    "    Vehicles    "    .....	55
"    "    "    Gambling    "    .....	423
"    "    Sanitary Bye-Laws, .....	153
"    "    Harbour Regulations, .....	137
"    "    Women and Girls Protection Ordinance, .....	15
"    for Drunkenness, .....	107
"    "    Trespassing, .....	24
"    "    Disorderly conduct, .....	138
"    "    Vagrancy, .....	34
"    under Post Office Ordinance, .....	8
"    for Contempt of Court,.....	12
"    as Rogue and Vagabond,.....	190
"    for Mendicancy, .....	7
"    "    Assault, .....	153
"    "    Obstruction,.....	62
"    "    Cutting trees, .....	31
"    "    Fighting, .....	87

Total.....2,345

6. The following table shows the number of prisoners committed to the Gaol without the option of a fine, and in default of payment of fine:—

Year.	Total.	Imprisonment without the option of a Fine.	Imprisonment in default of payment of fine.			
			Total.	Served the Imprisonment.	Paid full fine.	Paid part fine.
1901	4,369	2,051	2,318	1,226	554	538

7. There were 13 deaths (4 by suicide) and 3 executions during the year, and 15 prisoners were released on medical grounds.

8. The sanitary condition of the Gaol was good.

9. There were 2,411 punishments for breaches of prison discipline during the year, being an average of 4.83 per prisoner as compared with 2,344, with an average per prisoner of 4.82, for the preceding year. There were 14 cases in which corporal punishment was awarded during the year, 11 of which were (with the birch) sentenced by the Assistant Superintendent alone, and 3 with the cat'o-nine-tails, sentenced by the same Officer in conjunction with a Justice of the Peace.

10. The industrial employment of prisoners remains the same as last year.

There were 2,513,887 forms printed and issued during the year, and 6,107 books were bound during the same period. The value of the work done in the Printing Department amounted to \$22,224.59. Deducting the cost of the paper, etc., used during the year from the net earnings, the net profit amounted to \$18,849.15. The total profit on all industrial labour amounted to \$24,783.47, as compared with \$17,458.34 for the preceding year.

11. All minor repairs to the Gaol have been carried out by prison labour. The new wing mentioned in the report for 1900 was completed and occupied by long-sentenced prisoners early in the year. The Warders' old quarters, which were altered and fitted up as a hospital during 1899, is not yet available for the sick prisoners, as the new quarters for the staff, which should have been completed in 1900, are still in the hands of the contractor.

12. Owing to the excessive number of prisoners confined in the Gaol during the year, it was frequently necessary to locate 3 prisoners together in small cells constructed for the accommodation of one only; the capacity of each cell being 760 cubic feet. The overcrowded state of the Gaol is somewhat serious, particularly in the hot weather when sickness is prevalent. The building of a larger prison is receiving the attention of the Government.

13. The conduct of the staff has been good.

14. Mr. MAY proceeded to England on leave on the 5th September, 1901, from which date I assumed charge of the Gaol.

15. With the usual returns, I append, for the first time, a report showing expenditure for the staff, and maintenance of prisoners for the year 1901.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

F. J. BADELEY,  
*Acting Superintendent.*

The Honourable  
The COLONIAL SECRETARY.

#### VICTORIA GAOL.

*Return showing the Expenditure and Income for the Year 1901.*

Expenditure.	Amount.		Income.	Amount.	
	\$	c.		\$	c.
Pay and Allowances of Officers, including uniforms, &c., .....	47,369.05		Earnings of prisoners, .....	24,783.47	
Rent of quarters for Warders, .....	1,500.00		Paid by Military for subsistence of Military prisoners, .....	2,238.80	
Vietualling of prisoners, .....	13,600.56		Paid by Naval for subsistence of Naval prisoners, .....	1,418.75	
Fuel, light, soap and dry earth, .....	6,796.77		Debtors' subsistence, .....	149.50	
Clothing of prisoners, bedding, furniture, &c., .	3,835.99		Consulate subsistence, .....	131.00	
			Waste Food sold, .....	46.60	
			Starch, .....	58.49	
			Forfeiture, .....	227.09	
			Actual cost of prisoners' maintenance, .....	44,048.67	
<b>Total,.....</b>	<b>73,102.37</b>		<b>Total,.....</b>	<b>73,102.37</b>	

Average Annual Cost per prisoner, \$88.27.

## (A.)

*Return of Reports for the talking, idling, short oakum picking, &c., in the years 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, and 1901.*

MONTH.	1897. Daily average number in Prison, 462.	1898. Daily average number in Prison, 510.	1899. Daily average number in Prison, 434.	1900. Daily average number in Prison, 486.	1901. Daily average number in Prison, 499.
January, .....	200	170	60	58	164
February, .....	161	113	73	97	126
March, .....	147	165	95	82	127
April, .....	154	213	192	73	214
May, .....	191	223	69	90	224
June, .....	166	241	134	90	124
July, .....	142	282	65	138	162
August, .....	159	331	100	163	166
September, .....	132	274	121	159	140
October, .....	160	227	127	201	162
November, .....	151	131	158	135	156
December, .....	140	100	90	127	54
Total, .....	1,903	2,470	1,284	1,413	1,819

## (B.)

*Return of Offences reported of Prisoners fighting with or assaulting each other, or officers,  
for the years 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, and 1901.*

MONTH.	1897. Daily average number in Prison, 462.	1898. Daily average number in Prison, 510.	1899. Daily average number in Prison, 434.	1900. Daily average number in Prison, 486.	1901. Daily average number in Prison, 499.
January, .....	4	1	1	...	1
February, .....	1	6	3	4	1
March, .....	4	3	5	4	7
April, .....	2	9	...	3	1
May, .....	1	8	6	...	2
June, .....	1	6	3	3	1
July, .....	2	6	8	3	2
August, .....	4	3	4	6	1
September, .....	2	9	1	6	1
October, .....	4	7	4	7	7
November, .....	1	5	3	2	1
December, .....	8	3	7	5	3
Total, .....	34	66	45	43	28

## (C.)

*Return of Offences of Prisoners having Tobacco, for the years 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, and 1901.*

MONTH.	1897. Daily average number in Prison, 462.	1898. Daily average number in Prison, 510.	1899. Daily average number in Prison, 434.	1900. Daily average number in Prison, 486.	1901. Daily average number in Prison, 499.
January, .....	...	4	4	5	3
February, .....	1	3	3	1	1
March, .....	3	4	7	4	2
April, .....	4	6	4	...	2
May, .....	7	4	...	1	1
June, .....	7	2	9	2	1
July, .....	2	7	10	2	2
August, .....	...	3	6	...	2
September, .....	1	3	5	2	3
October, .....	1	7	7	...	1
November, .....	2	1	1	...	3
December, .....	2	1	4	2	3
Total, .....	30	45	60	19	24

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*Abstract of Industrial Labour, Victoria Gaol, for the year 1901.*

Dr.		OAKUM.		Cr.	
1901.	To Stock on hand, 1st January,.....	\$ 236.25	1901.	By Oakum sold during the year, .....	\$ 2,204.50
	„ Cost of Paper Stuff purchased during the year, .....	1,257.54		„ Stock on hand, 31st December, ...	299.75
	Profit,.....	1,010.46			
	Total,.....\$	2,504.25		Total,.....\$	2,504.25

## COIR.

1901.	To Stock on hand, 1st January,.....	\$ 982.08	1901.	By Matting, &c., sold during the year, ..	\$ 1,863.42
	„ Cost of Material purchased during the year,.....	683.06		„ Articles made for Gaol use,.....	32.84
	Profit,.....	1,138.27		„ Stock on hand, 31st December, ...	907.15
	Total,.....\$	2,803.41		Total,.....\$	2,803.41

## NET-MAKING.

1901.	To Stock on hand, 1st January,.....	\$ 18.92	1901.	By Nets and Nettings sold and repaired, .....	\$ 35.00
	„ Cost of Material purchased during the year,.....	18.08		„ Stock on hand, 31st December, ...	6.58
	Profit,.....	4.58			
	Total,.....\$	41.38		Total,.....\$	41.58

## TAILORING.

1901.	To Stock on hand, 1st January,.....	\$ 197.76	1901.	By Articles sold and repaired, .....	\$ 206.87
	„ Cost of Material purchased during the year,.....	974.50		„ Work done for Gaol,.....	1,350.82
	Profit,.....	429.10		„ Stock on hand, 31st December, ...	43.67
	Total,.....\$	1,601.36		Total,.....\$	1,601.36

## PRINTING AND BOOK-BINDING.

1901.	To Stock on hand, 1st January,.....	\$ 20.86	1901.	By Printing done for outside,.....	\$ 226.80
	„ Cost of Material and Machinery purchased during the year, .....	6,783.35		„ Printing, etc., done for Government, ..	21,997.79
	Profit,.....	18,849.15		„ Stock on hand, 31st December, ...	3,428.77
	Total,.....\$	25,653.36		Total,.....\$	25,653.36

Dr.		WASHING.		Cr.	
1901.	To Stock on hand, 1st January,.....	\$ 22.29	1901.	By Washing done for Prison, Govern- ment Civil Hospital and Police Officers at 1 cent per piece, .....	\$ 1,811.80
	„ Cost of Material purchased during the year,.....	1,180.14		„ Washing Prisoners' Clothing at 1 cent per piece, .....	2,540.91
	Profit,.....	3,201.93		„ Stock on hand, 31st December, ....	52.15
	Total,.....\$	4,404.36		Total,.....\$	4,404.36

## RATTAN WORK.

1901.	To stock on hand, 1st January,.....	\$ 4.65	1901.	By Articles sold during the year, .....	\$ 38.34
	„ Cost of Material purchased during the year,.....	30.17		„ Articles made for Gaol use,.....	13.19
	Profit,.....	17.16		„ Stock on hand, 31st December, ....	0.45
	Total,.....\$	51.98		Total,.....\$	51.98

## TIN-SMITHING.

1901.	To Stock on hand, 1st January,.....	\$ 0.86	1901.	By Work done for outside,.....	\$ 2.46
	„ Cost of Material purchased during the year,.....	34.51		„ Work done for Gaol,.....	109.10
	Profit,.....	79.02		„ Stock on hand, 31st December, ....	2.83
	Total,.....\$	114.39		Total,.....\$	114.39

## CARPENTERING.

1901.	To Stock on hand, 1st January,.....	\$ 236.46	1901.	By Articles sold and repaired during the year,.....	\$ 102.83
	„ Cost of Material purchased during the year,.....	160.59		„ Work done for Gaol,.....	29.07
	Profit,.....	3.00		„ Stock on hand, 31st December, ....	29.15
	Total,.....\$	400.05		Total,.....\$	400.05

## GRASS-MATTING.

1901.	To Stock on hand, 1st January,.....	\$ 15.41	1901.	By Matting sold during the year, .....	\$ 5.21
	„ Cost of Material purchased during the year,.....	31.85		„ Matting and Mats made for Gaol during the year,.....	49.62
	Profit,.....	20.61		„ Stock on hand, 31st December, ....	13.04
	Total,.....\$	67.87		Total,.....\$	67.87

## SHOE-MAKING.

1901.	To Stock on hand, 1st January,.....	\$ 95.52	1901.	By Outside work during the year,.....	\$ 71.71
	„ Cost of Material purchased during the year,.....	976.01		„ Gaol work during the year, .....	1,008.65
	Profit,.....	30.19		„ Stock on hand, 31st December, ....	21.36
	Total,.....\$	1,101.72		Total,.....\$	1,101.72

## RECAPITULATION.

1901.	Oakum,.....	\$1,010.46	1901.	By Surplus, .....	\$24,783.47
	Coir, .....	1,138 27			
	Net-making, .....	4.58			
	Tailoring, .....	429.10			
	Washing, .....	3,201.93			
	Rattan, .....	17.16			
	Tin-smithing, .....	79.02			
	Carpentering, .....	3.00			
	Grass-matting,.....	20.61			
	Shoe-making, .....	30.19			
	Printing, .....	18,849.15			
	Total,.....\$	24,783.47		Total,.....\$	24,783.47

Table showing the Number of Casualties in the Gaol Staff during the year 1901.

	Establishment.	Resigned voluntarily.	Pensioned.	Died.	Services dispensed with.	Dismissed.	Total Number of Casualties.
Europeans, .....	32	1	1	1	2	7	12
Indians, .....	50	1	1	1	6	3	12

Return showing the Employment of Prisoners and the Value of their Labour.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners.			Value of Prison Labour.	Total.
	Males.	Females.	Total.		
<b>NON-PRODUCTIVE,—</b>				\$ c.	\$ c.
Crank-labour, shot and stone,—debtors, remands, sick and under punishment, .....	201	...	201	...	
<b>IN MANUFACTURES,—</b>					
Book-binding,.....	17	...	17	745.60	
Printing, .....	39	...	39	1,825.20	
Printing, Labourers, .....	12	...	12	374.40	
Knitting, .....	...	2	2	28.60	
Oakum Picking, .....	77	5	82	469.04	
Coir Matting, .....	18	...	18	514.80	
Grass Matting,.....	2	...	2	17.16	
Shoe-making, .....	9	...	9	308.88	
Tailoring, .....	17	4	21	900.90	
Net-making, string-making and ship's fender-making, ....	3	...	3	42.90	
					5,227.48
<b>IN BUILDING,—</b>					
Bricklaying,.....	1	...	1	42.90	
Carpentering and Fitting, .....	8	...	8	366.08	
Painting, .....	1	...	1	28.60	
					437.58
<b>IN SERVICE OF THE PRISON,—</b>					
Laundry, .....	39	4	43	1,844.70	
Cooking, .....	9	...	9	394.20	
Cleaning, .....	27	2	29	829.40	
Hospital Cleaners, .....	...	...	...	...	
White-washing, .....	2	...	2	57.20	
					3125.50
	482	17	499	...	\$8,790.56

